

MAIL EXPECTED.

THE WHOLESALE MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Pakis*, with the next *Meritt* mail, left Singapore at noon on the 2nd, and is due here on the 8th inst.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The S. & A. B. S. Co.'s steamer *Kimberly*, left Port Darwin on the 30th November, and is due here on the 8th December.

The steamer *Rosalia* left Saigon on the 3rd, and is due here on the 8th inst.

The China Line steamer *Glenaron* left Singapore on the 4th, and is due here on or about the 11th instant.

The N. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Camorra* left Batavia on the 1st, and is due here on or about the 12th inst.

The Shire Line steamer *Pendrocheshire*, from London, left Singapore on the 5th, and may be looked for here on or about the 18th instant.

The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Desolation* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 5th, and

The steamer *Rapido* left Sydney on the 2nd inst. and is due here on or about the 21st inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet, "NAPOLÉON," will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 11th December, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, also Services to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Durban, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKETS.
The United States Contract Packet CITY OF

TOKIO. will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 14th December, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, and Europe, &c., which will be closed as follows:

2.15 P.M. Registry closes.
2.30 P.M. Post Office ceases, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Letter Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Packet named "SENDER," will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 18th December, with Mails for the United States, all places along the coast, viz: Nicolas & Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (with Madras), the Andaman Islands, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. The last letter will be observed in closing at 6 o'clock.

HOUSES FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

THE FRENCH MAIL
Days Before Departure. Post Office

Day of Departure.

7 A.M. Post Office opens.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of Letters to the Colonies and patterns ceases.
11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Lata Letters.
11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until 11.50 A.M. of time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in clearing Mails, &c., by the British Consignment Packet to the Colonies.

NEWSPAPER MONEY ORDER Office closes.
2.00 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and outer cover ceases.
2.00 P.M. Mail closes, except for Lata Letters.
3.10 P.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
3.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.40 P.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly clean, good condition, and in strips of at least two, no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

THE MASTERS.

Persons who send Masters of Ships through the Post in Trust are requested to have their marks fast or square, and to be stamped, as it is possible to post round this securely in the message. It is believed that the ten will find more safety in fast this, which are not so liable to be lost or to be kept in.

4 by 3 by 11 inches is suggested as a good size. The time should not have above corners.

Boxes of letters are sometimes received at Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box fastened by a string wax, but there is no objection to a seal.

United States by a sailing ship which is not authorized as carrying a mail. It is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the date of the ship, and to forward 10 copies of the letters to the Post Office at the place of departure per half ounce as usual. The Post Office there undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of the departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least 10 days before the departure of the ship.

Letters containing Stamps should be returned, and the Stamps should be secured for observation.

LOCAL AND INDIAN PASSPORT POST.

1.—Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Reduced Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Possessions in China, as well as to Japan, Manila, and the Philippines. The parcels must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, with each side not less, nor be smaller than 1/2 in. in thickness.

2.—Such parcels may be wholly lined if they bear this special endorsement: *Parcels containing no letter*, but several may be opened if directed by the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and a list of the articles must be enclosed, and the parcels must be stamped with the words: *Parcels for India and Ceylon are exempted from the Restriction*.

OWNERS, will be RESPONSIBLE for all DEBTS contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay at Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNA, Ger. bark, W. Jensen.—Wigle & Co.
BILLY SIMPSON, Brit. bark, F. A. Brown.
BONITO, Ger. bk. H. Haase.—Wigle & Co.
CALIFORNIA, Brit. str., G. L. Castle.—M. & M. S. S. Co.
CHRISTIAN, Brit. str. Herrmann.—Siemens & Co.
CITY OF TOKIO, Am. str., J. Many.—P. & S. S. Co.
GREEN BRAWN, Ger. bk. Learmann.—Wigle & Co.
HERMANNA, Ger. bk. H. Traulsen.—Wigle & Co.
JAPAN, Brit. str. Gardner.—D. Sanson, Son & Co.
JOHN Mc CORMACK, Am. bk., J. S. Conant.—Captain.
LENNOX, Brit. str., D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
WALTON, Ger. H. Island.—Wigle & Co.

M. STUTMAN, Danish bark, Goretzburg.
Wielor & Co.
N. GIBSON, Am. bk., F. C. Bailey.—Borneo Co.
Limited.
OCEAK, Brit. str., R. Lowe.—Gibb, Livingstone
& Co.
RACHET, Brit. bark, Robt. A. Meek.—Chinese.
TWILIGHT, Am. ship, Werland.—Adams
Rell & Co.
YELCOUIT, Brit. bark, R. Martin.—Chinese.
YOUNGERS, Brit. str., J. Brown.—Ah Yon.
WILD WOOD, Am. bk., Sawyer.—Russell & Co.
ZOWAY, Am. ship, C. H. Saper.—P. & O. S. N.

Poa Oil, per picul	110 1/2
Rice, White, per picul	110 1/2

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Shagreen, White, per piece	\$1.70 to \$2.00
Shagreen, Black, per piece	\$1.70 to \$2.00
Prizins, Stained, per piece	\$5.30 to 5.50
Prizins, Black, per piece	\$4.25 to 4.50
Shagreen, Wood, Mahogany, per piece	\$4.20 to 4.85
Shagreen, Wood, South Seas, per piece	\$3.10 to 3.25
Shagreen, Wood, Kaati, per piece	\$4.45 to 4.55
Shagreen, Wood, Glass, per piece	\$4.45 to 4.55
Shagreen, White, No. 1, per piece	\$4.45 to 4.85
Shagreen, White, No. 2, per piece	\$4.75 to 5.05
Shagreen, Brown, per piece	\$4.50 to 4.80
Shagreen, Black, per piece	\$3.85 to 3.95
Shagreen, Ecobone, per piece	\$6.80 to 9.70
Shagreen, Slatwood, White, per piece	\$7.60 to 7.80
Shagreen, Slatwood, per piece	\$7.40 to 7.70
Shagreen, Thistle, per piece	\$2.15 to 2.20
Shagreen, Japan, per piece	\$2.15 to 2.20
Shagreen, per piece	\$1.10 to 6.40
Shagreen, Blue, per box	\$3.85 to 4.00

ROSS	CONSIGNEES.	ATION.
	NAGASAKI.	
	On 17th November, 1883.	
916	Adams & Co	
917	Holmes, Ringer & Co	Chafso
918	Holmes, Ringer & Co	Shanghai
919	Holmes, Ringer & Co	Wei-hai-wei
370	G. W. Luke & Co	
	LYNN.	
	On 15th November, 1883.	
1012	Kor & Co.	
901	Tillous Hermann & Co	
902	W. F. Stevens & Co	New York
903	Pack Habbal & Co	New York
512	Smith, Ball & Co	Saigon
514	J. Barry & Co	
515	Pack Habbal & Co	New York
963	Smith, Ball & Co	
964	Smith, Ball & Co	Liverpool
	OBEG.	
883	Malsed & Co	Liverpool

1794	Kee & Co.	Channel
1872	Peah, Hubbard & Co	New York
1081	Martin, Dyas & Co	Staten
1531	Kee & Co	Channel
1727	Kee & Co	New York
1737	Peah, Hubbard & Co	New York
BANGKOK.		
ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 1893.		
350	NOTES.	
417	Servae Co., Limited	
234	Ban Hong Chan.	
516	Poly Floe	Laid up
340	Chinese	
279	E. Banerillo	
142	Chenka Pan	Laid up
253	Sin Tze Lung	
300	Phera (Victor Sarakyo	
323	Hongmoo	
208	Kwong Hong	
200	Chinese	
447	Teh Watt	
512	Order	

251	Chuan	
178	Chuanoo	
513	Chingoo	
233	Chesna Tit	
176	Chesna Pua	
342	Phya Naken	
120	Phya Piraoo	
102	Chinsoo	
542	Poh Chin Soa	
630	H. Abdul Tyet	
429	Wanz Lee	
847	Beruo C., Limited	
294	Olesau Pat	
330	Poh Kian	
739	Poh Tek	
220	Han Guan & Co	
231	Chioo Bee	
355	Master	
701	Poh Hoo	

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

S.P.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT
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40	Com. Hicks	Namsaki
39	Captain E. E. Tracey	Nagasaki
38	Captain H. Elliot	Nagasaki
37	Capt. H. N. Hippelav	Ngongkong
36	Commander H. W. Hill	Nanto
35	Captain Austruther	Shanghai
34	Com. E. J. J. Elliott	Hongkong
33	In reserve	Kobe
32	Commander Gamble	Shanghai
31	Lieut. C. C. Hoskey	Hongkong
30	Com. John Hope	Singapore
29	Lieut. Com. M. C. Hubbs	Swatow
28	Commander M. C. Rotham	Shanghai
27	Com. C. R. Harris	Canton
26	Com. H. O. F. Veevor	Santa straits
25	In reserve	Hongkong
24	Com. Bickard	Singapore
23	Capt. J. M. T. Fullerton	Chefoo
22	Commander Collins	Hongkong
21	In reserve	Hongkong
20	Commander Cumling	Hongkong
19	Com. J. H. G. Fox	Nagasaki

CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.	
CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
Commander Callard	Vladivostok
Commander L. Campbell	Seigon
Commander Lator	Kobe
Commander Barker	Hongkong
Captain Koloban	Shanghai
Capt. McCormack	Vladivostok
Capt. Royster	Tientsin
Commander Stark	Yokohama
Commander Klaus	Nonaka
Com. P. F. Harington	Couten
Commander Bennett	Osaka
Captain D. L. Davis	Hongkong
Captain E. Valsud	Shanghai
Captain Herbig	Nagasaki

0	Captain DeBary	Nagasaki
0	Commander Cotton	Nagasaki
0	Commander Boyle	Yokohama
0	Captain Kalgierass	Yokohama
0	Commander Vulturett	Yokohama
0	Capt. R. Lass-entoff	Swallow
0	Lieut.-Commander Green	Tentative
0	Captain Brown	Singapore
0	Captain Sherrett	Yokohama
0		Yokohama
0	Commander Scott	Nagasaki
0		Hongkong
0	Captain von Buchholtz	Macao
0	Capt. da Costa Cabral	Vladivostok
0	Commander Hook	Swallow
0	Captain Ross	Hongkong
0	Captain Huch	Shanghai
0	Capt. P. M. Warata	Makila
0	Captain Dvoritz	Crusier
0	Captain Fournier	Yokohama
0	Commander von Baran	Crusier

C.P.	COMMANDER	STATION.
70	" "	Hongkong
75	" "	" "
17	J. Stewart	Hankow
75	F. Bossard	Hankow
60	" "	" "
" "	" "	" "
" "	" "	" "
" "	" "	" "
" "	Liang Yu Ting	Canton
25	Chou Shui	" "
80	Li-ping-tse	Canton
" "	Yang Kuei Lin	" "
99	Chinese Admiral	Bogue Forts
" "	Ching	Bogue Forts
CHIEF,	Synanin Street,	HONGKONG.

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SHIPS IN THE CHINA WATERS.							
DESTINATION.	VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
NAGASAKI.							
IN PORT ON 17TH NOVEMBER, 1883.							
Manila	Anglossa	Oct. 20	Saett	Brit. bk	—	Adams & Co	Chacao Shanghai Wai-lai-wei
	Beta	Nov. 15	Watt	Brit.-sh	318	Holmes, Ringer & Co	
	Dunly	Nov. 11	Sacks	Brit.-bg	236	Holmes, Ringer & Co	
	Hu-oo & Otto	Nov. 11	Koedt	Nor. bk	570	Holms, Ringer & Co	
Shanghai	Thames Maru	Nov. 11	Tessensohn	Jap. bk	353	S. W. Lucas & Co	
MANILA.							
IN PORT ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 1883.							
S. Francisco	Bowditch	Oct. 1	Reid, sh	1012	Ker & Co	New York New York Saigon	
	Eliz. Nicholson	Oct. 3	Reid, sh	904	Wilkes, Hermann & Co		
	Jessie Kouritz	Oct. 3	Drak, sh	1493	W. F. Stevenson & Co		
	May E. Stone	Oct. 8	Reit, bk	842	Paele Hubbard & Co		
London	Nervion	Oct. 8	Span, bk	594	Smith, Bell & Co	New York	
	Popita	July 12	Span, bk	512	J. Ruyos & Co		
	S. m. Wilot	Oct. 22	Amer. sh	1283	Paele Hubbard & Co		
	Suolo	Oct. 25	Amer. sh	983	Ker & Co		
Canton	Victor	Oct. 2	Reit, bk	-201	Smith, Bell & Co	Liverpool	
Laid up	Vikar	Sept. 21	Nor. bk	893	OBBS	Liverpool	
HOLLAND.							
Canton	Caracota	Oct. 24	Ger. sh	1472	Ker & Co	Channel	
Cyprus	Cyprian	Oct. 14	Peit, sh	434	Peale, Hubbard & Or	New York	
Coast Ports	Farnes Abbey	Oct. 27	Amer. bk	1081	Martin, Dyos & Co	Channel	
Livingsstone	W. H. Lincoln	Oct. 29	Ger. bk	331	Ker & Co	New York	
Canton	W. H. Ratoff	Oct. 29	Amer. sh	1737	Ker & Co	New York	
			Amer. sh	1684	Peale, Hubbard & Co	New York	
BANGKOK.							
IN PORT ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 1883.							
Malabar	Alb's Isle	Nov. 5	Smith	Brit. bk	330	Mastor	Laid up
Amoy	Ann Ameytago	Oct. 1	Granny	Reit, bk	417	Borace Co., Limited	
Amoy	Amoy	Oct. 7	Malice	Brit. bk	294	Ban Jong Chan	
For sale	Bua Pan	Mar. 2	—	Siam, sh	574	Eoh Lee	
Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	Nov. 5	—	Siam, sh	340	Chiese	Laid up
Caroline	Caroline	Oct. 10	Nicholson	Ger. sh	273	E. Bonaville	
China	China	Mar. 5	—	Siam, bg	199	Chueai Pan	
Confucius	Confucius	Oct. 19	Simon	Siam, sh	253	Sin Tra Lung	
Or-tta	Or-tta	Oct. 21	Martin	Siam, bg	307	Pura Nohit Sarakye	
						Huapoo	

NAME.	RIG	GUNS.	R.F.P.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT
Albatross	screw sloop	4	810	Com. Hieles	Namssak
Andasteus	double-screw iron frigate	14	1330	Captain R. E. Tracey	Namssak
Champion	corvette	14	1340	Captain Powlett	Hongkong
Cleopatra	corvette	14	1610	Capt. H. N. Hippisley	Hongkong
Cockshale	gunboat	4	470	Commander H. W. Hilt	Ganton
Curaos	corvette	14	2510	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Darling	double-sloop	14	920	Com. F. J. J. Bligh	Hongkong
Dak	double-screw gunboat	3	340	in reserve	Hongkong
Espeir	gunboat	4	455	Commander Gamble	Shanghai
Flying Fish	sloop	4	940	Lieut. Com. Hooley	Hongkong
Fly	double-screw gun-vessel	4	490	Com. John Hogg	Canton
Forthorn	gunboat	4	470	Lieut. Com. McQuinn	Canton
Kestrel	double-screw gun-vessel	4	530	Commander E. H. Hutton	Shanghai
Linnet	gunboat	5	1050	Com. C. R. Harris	Canton
Margio	surveying vessel	3	500	Com. H. F. Venker	Shanghai
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	4	470	In reserve	Hongkong
Paragon	sloop	6	970	Com. Dickford	Singapore

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR OF THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.						
	NAME.	FLAG.	TONS.	LT.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
	Sapphiré	corvette	12	3360	Capt. J. R. T. Fullerton	Chiao
	Swift	double-screw gun-ressel	5	1010	Commander Collins	Hongkong
	Tweed	double-screw gunboat	3	310	La resera	Hongkong
	V. Emanuel	coasting ship	2	1320	Commander's Claming	Hongkong
	Vigilant	double dispatch-boat	2	1330	Lieut.-Com. C. Lindsay	Nagasaki
	Wivora	tarant-ship	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
	Zephyr	gunboat	4	630	Lt.-Com. G.N.A. Pallard	Hongkong

Wata Wolf	ESSEX 87400	4	340	Commander von Raven	Cruising
Gormia cutboat					
CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.					
NAME.	FLAG AND BICO.	TONS	H.P.	COMMANDER.	STATION.
An-lan	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75	Hongkong
Choo-lan	Revenue cruiser	2	30	27	—
Chin-jai	Revenue cruiser	3	30	27	Hongkong
Chin-to	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75	Canton
Ching-tsing	Viceroy's gunboat	4	180	60	—
Chop-sai	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—
Hai-cheng-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—
Hai-king-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—
Hoi-tung-hung	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	Canton
Peng-shue-hai	Revenue cruiser	4	582	125	—
Boonin Isd.	—	—	—	—	—
*Quang-on	Viceroy's gunboat	4	120	40	Canton
Sai Hong	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—
Peking-oi	Viceroy's gunboat	2	112	30	Chinese Admiral
Peking-po	Viceroy's gunboat	3	100	30	Bogue Forts

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